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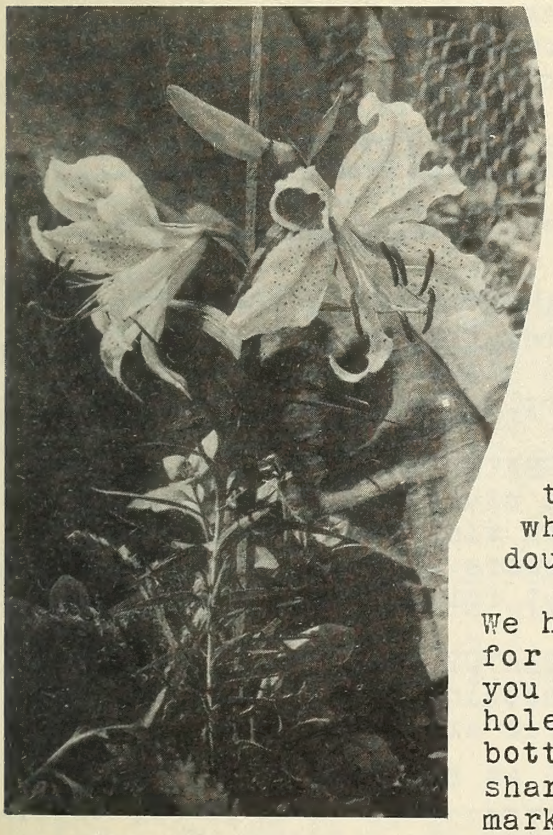
"Ain't it great,and ain't it fine
How the seasons roll!"

Early May in Vermont.--D.L.Cady.

WE LIKE MAY! By this time,we know our troubles. Know just what plants have died and must be replaced;just what haven't been satisfactory--either didn't bloom well last year,or didn't sell well this--what matters it? Garden,or Nursery,the troubles are the same. The tempo increases. Planting days for June bloom are growing less--- ORDER WHILE YE MAY!

Except for a very few things,we have adequate stock of all things offered in both the January and the March issues. This copy of the Gossip is sent to remind you of a few of them particularly,and to urge you to order promptly, for immediate delivery.



GOLD BANDED LILY.

FALL BLOOMING LILIES.

After a summer filled with all the glory of June and the annual bloom that follows,there is a period almost without flowers.The hardy Asters brighten it,and so do the Chrysanthemums,but they are all color,-there is nothing exotic about them.Then the fall-blooming Japanese Lilies,auratum and speciosum,are particularly welcome,as they flower during that time.True,established bulbs will blossom earlier,even in July,but if dormant bulbs from a proper storage,are planted in May,it will be late August at least,before any flowers appear. Early frosts do not harm them,and at this season the great white and gold flowers of the one,or the white and rose turkscaps of the other will be doubly appreciated.

We have splendid firm bulbs,just in the right stage for planting,sure to flower for you,this Fall.When you unpack them,save the moss,and after digging a hole 8" deep,put a small layer of the sphagnum in the bottom,set the bulb on that,and then cover it with sharp sand.Fill up the hole with good rich soil,and mark it.After growth starts,it is well to spray regularly with Bordeaux mixture.

L.AURATUM,or L.SPECIOSUM RUBRUM. Either sort at 35¢ each;10 for $3.00;100 for $27.50;POSTPAID.

WE STILL HAVE--

plenty of all the New Dwarf Asters in all the varieties previously offered,except Snow Sprite.This lovely white sort will be very scarce,the rest of this season.We especially commend Victor,and Countess of Dudley.They are slightly earlier than the other two,and were outstanding in the two colors last year.

You'll be interested to know that two new sorts,with semi-double flowers,will be in good supply next year.

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Also there are still many fine plants of Pyrethrum Eileen May Robinson available.We may be accused of attemting a finesse.But we must warn you that after this spring season, we shall probably withdraw our offering of this fine single pink Painted Daisy,until we can again offer it from a plentiful stock.It is absolutely necessary to grow these fine things from division,-seed will not come at all true-,and Pyrethrum do not propagate as fast as do Peonies.Some of these have been sent to Dr.McFarland,who wrote that he had received some seed of his finest sorts from Mr.Robinson,himself,but was glad of an opportunity to get plants of this choice variety.

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Gypsophila oldhamiana is getting scarce. We still have a lot of plants,provided the crowns are not rotted.It has rained steadily all April,and the plants have been slow to start into growth.

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Penstemon Pink Beauty! Why is it that a plant will be in demand one season,to the extent that orders have to be refused,and for a year we work to build up a stock.Then when it is offered again,no one wants it?

Two years ago,this fine coral pink form of Penstemon barbatus,familiar to most in the well known variety torreyi(with bright red flowers),was wanted by everyone.It is delicately colored,and fine for cutting to use with blue flowers,especially those on long stems.This year,we have plenty,and have sold almost none.

We are glad to say,tho,that a lot of our friends are going to enjoy Penstemon grandiflorus when it flowers this year,having taken our word for its value.Will you be one?

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Veronica longifolia subsessilis.Lots of fine plants still available.Take our word for this one too,and enjoy its fine dark blue spikes,next August.

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NEW DWARF ASTERS.

DAPHNE. A lovely pink.

LADY HENRY MADDOCKS. Clear pale pink.
COUNTESS OF DUDLEY. Clear pink. Dwarf,and early.
VICTOR. Clear pale lavender blue.Early.

2" pots;25¢ each;10 for $2.00

PYRETHRUM EILEEN MAY ROBINSON.

A large clear single pink flowered variety,which gives a quantity of blooms for cutting in June,and if kept cut,will often flower again thru the summer and fall.

One year old,field grown,at 50¢ each;5 for $2.25.

GYPSOPHILA OLDHAMIANA.

Pink flowering Baby's Breath, flowering later than the white sort.

One year old roots;35¢ each.

PENSTEMON.

GRANDIFLORUS. A perfectly hardy form,blue grey foliage, and a two foot spike of rosy purple flowers. Field Plants.

BARBATUS TORREYI. Tall,to 4', the slender wiry stems,hung with tiny red firecrackers.It flowers in July,and is excellent for cutting. Field Plants.

BARBATUS PINK BEAUTY. Like the preceding,except that the tiny tubes are coral pink. 2" pots.

All at 25¢,each;10 for $2.00

VERONICA LONGIFOLIA SUBSESSILIS.

Heavy field plants,25¢ each.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

AMELIA. Very early and very dwarf pink sort.

Koreans.

APOLLO. Bronze, red, and gold all suffused with glowing salmon.

CERES. Old gold, chamois yellow, and soft coppery bronze.

DAPHNE. A pink slightly lighter than lilac rose; golden stamens.

DIANA. Rose-pink and soft salmon; slightly double flower.

MARS. Deep amaranth to wine-red, a velvety, deep colored sort.

MERCURY. Bronzy red, changing to coppery bronze.

Young potted plants of these,- 25¢ each; 3 for 50¢; postpaid.

VIOLAS AND VIOLETS.

JERSEY GEM. Dark lavender blue.

WHITE JERSEY GEM. Pure white.

MAGGIE MOTT. Mauve, white eye.

MOSELEY PERFECTION. Pure yellow.

Violets.

SWEET BLUE. Fragrant dark blue.

SWEET WHITE. Fragrant white.

ROSINA. Rosy pink, very sweet.

CHARM. White flushed lavender.

POTENTILLA TONGUEI.

Fine trailing plant, small rough leaves, and yellow flowers, with red center, in profusion, all summer. Not weedy. 2" pots; 35¢.

ANDROSACE SARMENTOSA.

Strong rosettes, in 2" pots, to flower at once. Fine for rockery

25¢ each; 3 for 50¢; postpaid.

LITTLE PLANTS FOR LITTLE PLACES-- and often for large results!

The value of a plant is not determined by its size, invariably. Of course, it may be so small as to be of no value whatever. It may as easily be so large as to make planting very difficult and the chance of life very poor.

Perhaps because we like to watch a new plant develop, we have a fondness for small plants. But another reason is that we are convinced that in the long run our plants give better satisfaction when not too large, if they can be depended upon to flower the first year. And that is the size we try to send out.

Chrysanthemums normally should be lifted and divided each year. Old established clumps will never flower as well. (True of Hardy Asters too). So that in buying new sorts, one gets best value in young cutting grown plants, in small pots. Plant at once, outside, pinch out the growing tip. If the growth is vigorous, pinch again before July. Then stake and tie them as they grow. Amelia, however, need not be pinched, as it will develop naturally.

Violas of all sorts that are grown by divisions winter better in our fields, and in gardens for which we care, if they are taken up when flowering is done, and divided. And in our fields we get better summer flowers from plants started in spring, in small pots, than we do from year old plants. Then too, these offer a cheap and sure way to get edgings of Violas, or they are just the right size for planting in a rock crevice. Violas like to grow under a stone. And they also like a lot of rotting, but well rotted, material, in the soil.

This matter of size, particularly when it refers to small potted plants, is very often a help. A lady for whom we were constructing a rockery, was presented with a plant of Dianthus deltoides by a friend. When it came, it was over two feet long, and a foot or more wide, rooted all the way! No matter how you may feel, we prefer a small potted plant, to fill a three inch cranny, in rockwork. Potentilla tonguei, offered here, will in one season, make a root ball, four inches in diameter. Hard to plant, and you'll get just as many flowers off a thrifty two inch potted plant.

Last of all, if the plant is rare, and you don't feel like paying a dollar or more, it's a help to be able to buy a pocket edition for a quarter,-isn't it?

NEW AND RARE-

T.A.Weston came to America at the close of the world war to help edit a paper devoted to the interests of those who raise flowers and plants.He is a student of plant lore;a plant lover;a writer of ability.He gave us Jersey Gem.And had he devoted his energies to the growing of plants,instead of writing for the edification of those who do,he would have been a good nurseryman!---Praise indeed.

And from time to time in the columns of his paper,he takes a sort of unholy joy in being able to comment that this or that plant,about which some of us who have to sell them,have been shouting,"New,New" or "Rare,Rare",is not really either one,but was,perhaps,introduced into England in 17??.He will tell us,if we boast of large Pansies,about the Pansy fad that swept England at one time,when enthusiasts paid great prices for a few seeds,and grew Pansies from cuttings,and the flowers were inches across.All of which is good for our sense of proportion.But one thing he has not done. He has given us no word to take their place.

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The seed from which we raised Campanula Blue Spire came from a collection of fine named sorts.No doubt there were many doubles in it.We raised several in the first lot,from which seed was saved.And in this second lot of seedlings, were several which we felt were worth growing by division.Not one was as good as Blue Spire tho all are distinct.

The chief fault of Campanula persicifolia in the garden,is its tendency to break over in wind or heavy storm.Blue Spire has the strongest stem of any sort we have seen.In addition,it branches from the base,in such a way as to seem to flower from the ground to the tip.It is a spire of blue flowers,slightly doubled.We are sure that it is the finest form of Campanula persicifolia(Peach Bells),at the present time.

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Philadelphus Amalthee,was raised by Lemoine, we understand,some years ago.But it was almost unknown when shown in New York,last year.We obtained one plant,from a forgotten source,and it still stands in our grounds.Perfectly hardy, it is now 4' high,and very thick,and erect.

The flowers are small,not quite white,and are borne in profusion.They are very fragrant,with a spicy sweetness that is not cloying,and is to us far preferable to any other sort.The plants we offer have been grown here,and are in splendid condition for planting.Many will flower.

CAMPANULAS.

BELLARDI MIRANDA.Grows 3" high,carpeting with tiny light green leaves.Flowers are tiny,porcelain-blue tubes.The finest rockery Bluebell. Field plants.

MURALIS.Entirely distinct from the preceding.Makes a rounded tuft of dark leaves and the flowers are dark blue,quite open.A gem,and is of easy culture in sharp moist soil. 2" pots.

PERSICIFOLIA BLUE SPIRE. Grows 30" high;the dark lavender blue flowers are slightly doubled.A strong plant will fill a foot square place,and will be a tapered spire of blue from base to tip. 2" pots.

Any of the above,25¢ each; 10 for $2.00. Postpaid.

CHRYSOPSIS MARIANA.The Golden Aster.

Said to be a wild flower in New Jersey and south, but perfectly hardy here. Grows to 30" high,the flowers like golden hardy asters.

Field grown plants,35¢ each; 5 for $1.50;postpaid.

PHILADELPHUS AMALTHEE.

A splendid fragrant shrub growing 4' high,for the front of the shrub border,or as a specimen.

Ours are field grown plants,well branched.

18-24" plants,$1.25 each;5 for $5.00;postpaid.

12-18"plants,lightly branched 50¢ each;postpaid.

SWEET WILLIAM.

BLOOD RED.Very dark color.

DIADEMATUS.Red,white eye.

PINK BEAUTY.Light pink.

ROSE.A fine deep color.

Field plants,25¢ each;
10 for $2.00;postpaid.

ERIOPHYLLUM CAESPITOSUM

Fine field plants,25¢ each;
5 for $1.00;postpaid.

GEUM HELDREICHI SPLENDENS.

Fine bright orange flowers,
on foot high stems,in June,
and thruout the summer.
Field plants,25¢ each;5 for
$1.00;postpaid.

HELENIUMS.

AUT.SUPERBUM.Clear yellow.

AUT.RIVERTON GEM.Terra cotta
red,with a slight gold center.

AUT.RUBRUM.A slightly darker
shade.Not as tall.

Field plants,25¢ each;10 for
$2.00;postpaid.

HELIANTHEMUMS.

January didn't offer them,
but March does,on page 8.We'd
be glad to send another copy!

Nearly all plants,including
Oenothera and Statice,are
priced at 25¢ each;5 for $1.00
10 for $2.00;100 for $18.00,
and these prices include the
delivery cost to your door,
with 5% additional,for points
West of the Mississippi River.

THINGS YOU HAVE MISSED.

Dianthus barbatus,Sweet William,is an old plant that yields a multitude of flowers for cutting,or makes a bright and showy patch of color in the garden.Did you fail to note that the plants we offer this year are raised by division,and,while not all propagated from one original plant,they are so closely alike as to give a solid color effect.Seedlings will vary.

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Eriophyllum caespitosum is called Oregon Sunshine.It is a yellow daisy flowered plant, that will grow in the poorest soil.The foliage is grey,and is attractive.The plant makes a good mass,but does not seem inclined to be a weed.Fine for cutting in quantity,in late June.

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Geum heldreichi splendens.Why this is so consistently missed,is beyond us.It is a fine thing,reputably hardy,good looking at all times not weedy,flowers over a long period.The plant may be used as an edging.The bright orange flower is single,and not as large as those of the less hardy Mrs.Bradshaw,and others.But it can be depended upon,-and they cannot!

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Heleniums.For those parts of the north where Chrysanthemums cannot be grown,these plants are a very acceptable substitute.Common as they are in gardens,a sight of our 200 foot rows of the various colors,in full fall glory,always brings forth an exclamation of surprise.Don't let the plants get too tall.In July,break out the tips, and make them branch,do it even earlier if you want to.You get more flowers,and lower plants.

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HELIANTHEMUMS!Yes,you are missing them.Friends who call here in summer,cannot talk enough of the effect of these beds of solid colors,in all the varied shades.We ship plants to these who have seen them.But we can't seem to describe them so they will sell,by mail.

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Oenothera macrocarpa.The Missouri Evening Primrose.An old favorite of ours,with trailing stems which carry great yellow flowers,4" across followed by four-winged seed pods.Fine for the rockery,and flowers over a long period.

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Statice latifolia.Sea Lavender.We plant it beside Pyrethrum,or Primroses,in gardens we make and it covers the hole they leave in summer. Then too,we sell all the cut flowers from the plants in the nursery,for drying.

APRIL AND MAY--1937.

There are a great many plants,and bulbs that normally flower in very early spring.It is sometimes possible to hold these in a dormant condition in storage,or,if orders are sent us well in advance of planting time we can often get them to you in time to see them flower the first year.Or,they can be grown in pots,and thus shipped at any time.

But in our opinion,the best plan is to send in your order now.Nearly,tho not all of these plants die down shortly after flowering and may then be safely planted at a time when the desire for them is fresh in one's mind,and while every condition makes for the enjoyment of gardening.

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Almost before our snow has gone,in the normal season,we find the Anemones sending up their buds.First of all,the Vernal Anemone,or Glory of the Snows.And then come the larger and taller Pasque Flowers,in deep lavender purple,and in white.These three do not die away after flowering,but they may be planted with safety in May,with the usual care,and will then be well established clumps to give a profusion of bloom next April and May.We find these plants like a sandy loam,quite damp,and slightly acid.And while they are all alike in root structure,and should normally be of a type that likes humus,we are inclined to feel they are better without too much leafmold,or rotted manure.

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In the woods,in April,both the Dicentras are showing their ferny blue-green foliage. Squirrel Corn and Dutchman's Breeches are much alike,the latter slightly larger.In May,they will be fading,and then the tiny bulbs,or yellow corms can be shipped with safety.You can put a lot of these along any rock base you have that has a few inches of soil,no matter what else grows there,and you will have bloom before the other plant thinks of awakening.

With them,plant Corydalis bulbusa.It is very similar,but the color of the blooms is either rose;rose purple;or deep pink.In fact the color does vary,in shade.This is another bulbous plant of early spring,that disappears in late May.We have some fine bulbs this year and lots of them,so the price is lower,and you can use them freely.They will be sent when ripe,in June,or later.

ANEMONES.

VERNALIS.The white flowers are wrapped in a furry coat,and turn pink with age,to be followed by fluffy seed heads.

PULSATILLA.Rich lavender blue, the cups 2" long,on stems that rise to nearly a foot.Fluffy seed heads.

PULSATILLA ALBA.A clear white form,very lovely.

Field plants,25¢ each;10 for $2.00.Postpaid.

DICENTRAS.

CANADENSIS.Squirrel Corn.Ferny foliage,about 6" high.Creamy yellow flowers droop above the leaves.

CUCULLARIA.Dutchman's Breeches. Similar,but larger,the flowers slightly touched pink,at times.

Both the above,dormant tubers or bulbs,-15¢ each;10 for $1.00 100 for $9.00,postpaid.

CORYDALIS.

BULBUSA.The foliage of this plant,as it appears in April is deep purple green.Above it as it develops,rise sprays of Dutchman's Breeches-like flowers,in profusion,of a fine rose purple color.The foliage is finely divided,and grows to make a fine clump.In July,it is entirely gone,to be covered with other plants.One of our finest early spring plants,very hardy in any soil.

Strong flowering corms.-25¢ each;5 for $1.00;10 for $1.75; 25 for $3.75,-postpaid.

DORONICUM CORDIFOLIUM.

Plant it now.Regular prices.

LEUCOCRINUM MONTANUM.

Strong crowns of this white crocus like plant,will be ready soon.25¢ each;5 for $1.00;postpaid.

MERTENSIA VIRGINICA.

The black fleshy roots of the Virginia Cowslip,will be dormant,ready for us to dig,in July,but it can be planted before that,after flowering is over.Our roots are grown here,and are good flowering size.They will be sure to give bloom,next year. 25¢ each;10 for $2.00.

LYCORIS SQUAMIGERA.

Strong bulbs of this plant will be sent out,just as soon as the tops die down.They should flower in August,but sometimes they sulk for a year.Bulbs are freshly dug, for each order,and are hardy. Please wait a year before you write us about them. $1.00 each,postpaid.

HEMEROCALLIS.

Day Lilies are recommended for planting with the Hardy Amaryllis,as a foliage plant to cover the bare flowering stem.In addition,they give bloom in spring,when the Lycoris has only foliage.We have as fine a collection of all the newest sorts,as is to be found anywhere,all in strong,field grown plants. See the March Gossip,for a complete list,descriptions, and prices.

OUR ADDRESS-

GARDENSIDE NURSERIES,INC.

SHELBURNE,VERMONT.

MORE PLANTS FOR NEXT YEAR.

Leucocrinum montanum,sometimes called Sand-lily,is native,we understand,from Kansas west into the mountains.In fact,a friend,returning from the Coast last year,dug it in bloom on the roadside.Our plants came originally from Colorado.

A single plant is a tiny rosette of fleshy roots,with a bud.But the plant soon makes a vigorous clump in any good garden soil.Large or small,there are a surprising number of crystal white cup-shaped blooms in every bud. These come up like Crocus,and last but a short time,to be followed by others.A fine little early flower for the rockery,hardy,and satisfactory.Can be sent at any time,for flowering next season.

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Mertensia virginica,tho not native to this state,we like to think of as one of our finest wild flowers,for it is found over a large part of the country,yet is nowhere in oversupply,for the charm of a thicket that is filled with the blue green foliage,and the arching stems of nodding blue and pink bells, cannot be equalled.This too starts with the earliest warm days,to flower in May,and then shortly to fade away,and appear no more until next May.In June,we shall have a fine lot of strong roots,grown here.Order them now,and enjoy them next spring,for it resents moving before it blossoms.

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Lycoris squamigera,sometimes called hardy Amaryllis or Amaryllis halli,is an anomaly.It cannot be well planted in early spring.But it can be planted in June,and it will then flower in August or later.However,all the growth is made in spring,and all that appears in fall are the bare flower stems,rapidly growing to a height of 2',and then opening a cluster of tubular,delicate pink blooms.It is a splendid thing for partial shade,and may well be put there with Hemerocallis,which also like some shade,and,flowering earlier,do not clash in color,yet provide good foliage for the bare stem.Ripening of these bulbs depends on the season.They will be sent out as soon as they are thoroly ripe.

PLEASE NOTE.

All prices in this circular are postpaid. Do not send extra postage,unless you live WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER,in which case add 5% to the amount of your order.

To obtain lower prices for five of one kind the plants ordered must be exactly alike.

FLOWERS FOR FALL.

To a certain extent,all our lives are lived in the future.Particularly is that true of the gardener,for he must always be thinking of the blooms he wants in coming seasons even while he enjoys those of the present.

There is a period in late Summer,and until really cold weather,when nothing in the annual beds looks really appetizing. Variety seems lacking in the perennial borders.It was with a degree of surprise that we compiled the list at the side of this page.The plants that will flower in September are more varied than we thought. Some are really choice,excellent for use when cut;others are for effect only.Evenin the Nursery,these plants are so scattered, that their combined effect is never noted. And the effect of plants with brilliant berries is fully as good as those with blooms.

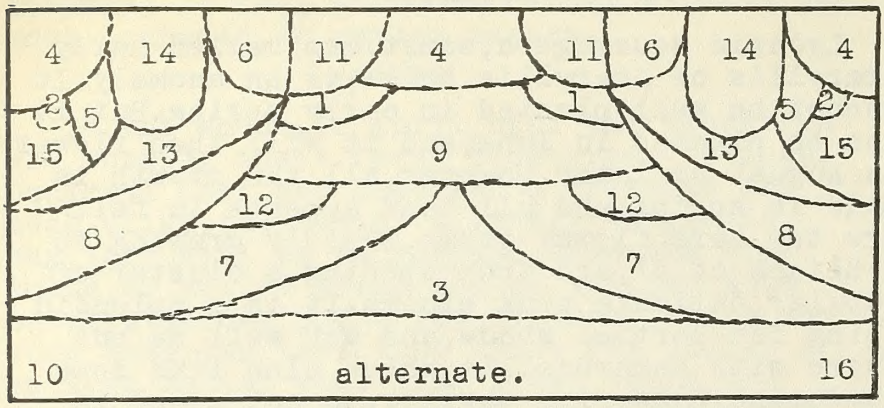
With consideration,came the decision that we could design a border,to flower late in the summer,and that could be planted with annuals during the summer.Whether it will appeal to you as it is,or whether you use it in part only,we give it here,for your interest.

FOR FALL BLOOM.

ACONITUM AUTUMNALE
ACTAEAS(fruit)
ANEMONE SEPTEMBER CHARM
ARTEMISIA LACTIFLORA
ASTERS(except alpinus)
CHRYSANTHEMUMS
CHRYSOPSIS MARIANA
ECHINACEA PURPUREA
ECHINOPS RITRO
EPILOBIUM ANGUSTIFOLIUM
EUPATORIUM
FUNKIA SUBCORDATA GRANDI.
HELENIUMS
HELIANTHUS
LIATRIS
LOBELIA CARDINALIS
LILIES(Japanese)(and HENRYI)
PHYSOSTEGIA VIVID
RUDBECKIA GOLDEN GLOBE
STATICE LATIFOLIA
THALICTRUM POLYGAMUM
VERONICA LONG.SUBSESSILIS.

There are others including several natives with fine fruit clusters,or colored foliage.All these are to be found in our list,at our regular prices.

A BORDER FOR FALL.



Space is allowed for the use of annuals as required.

KEY

1-L.henryi--------2
2-L.speciosum-----2
3-Hemerocallis Mrs.Wyman---1
4-Helenium(yellow or red)--3
5-Aconitum autumnale-------2
6-Aster hyb.luteus---------2
7-Aster,New Dwarf Hybrids--4
8-Aster amellus----------6
9-Korean Mums----------3
10-Mum Amelia----------5
11-Chrysopsis mariana------2
12-Echinops ritro----------2
13-Liatris scariosa--------6
14-Rudbeckia Golden Globe--2
15-Caulophyllum thalic.----2
16-Anemone Sept.Charm------5

We will send the 49 plants required for this border,for $9.00,postpaid.

PLEASE

tell your friends about Gardenside Gossip,about our plants,and the results you have had with them.Send us their names,too,but tell them,first.

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